

**REMARKS**

The listing of claims presented herein reflects the cancellation of claims 2-7, 17, 18, and 24, the amendment of claims 1, 8-16, and 19-23, and the addition of new claim 25. This amendment is being made to correct improper multiple dependent claims and to remove idiomatic phrases from the claims and is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited in the claims as filed. The amendments to the claims are supported by the specification as filed, including claims 1-24. New claim 25 finds support, for example, in original claims 5 and 16.

Applicants respectfully request the timely entry of this amendment, and the examination and allowance of pending claims 1, 8-16, 19-23, and 25.

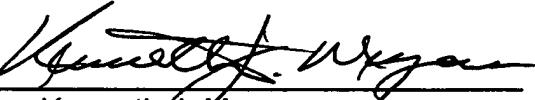
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